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1-22. (previously allowed)

23. (currently amended) A method of forming a pattern of at least two coatings onto a base substrate to achieve edge alignment between at least a part of each of said coatings along at least a part of one edge of said pattern, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a substrate comprising at least one base;
- b) applying a first coating to at least a part of said base;
- c) applying at least a second coating over at least a portion of said first coating; and
- d) during formation of said pattern, modifying at least a portion of said first coating over-covered by said second coating such that a characteristic of said first coating is altered;

wherein said edge alignment is achieved without mechanically altering an edge portion of either applied coating.

24. (previously amended) The method of claim 23, wherein step (d) includes modifying a shape of a portion of said first coating by applying energy thereto via an over-covering region of said second coating.

25. (previously amended) The method of claim 23, further including a step of transferring said first coating and said second coating to a material, wherein said step of transferring has at least one characteristic selected from a group consisting of (i) said transferring uses heat application, (ii) said transferring uses pressure, and (iii) said transferring uses heat application in which at least one coating of metallized material is applied over at least a portion of said base before applying said first coating.

26. (original) The method of claim 23, wherein at least one of first coating and said second coating has a characteristic selected from a group consisting of (i) said coating is substantially opaque, (ii) said coating comprises ink, (iii) said coating comprises printing-applied ink, (iv) said coating comprises ceramic ink, (v) said coating comprises inked indicia, and (vi) said coating comprises metal.

27. (previously amend d) The method of claim 23, wherein step (a) includes providing a base substrate comprising transfer material, and further including releasing a laminate pattern of applied said coatings from said transfer material by application of at least one of pressure, heat, and radiation.

28. (currently amended) A method of forming a laminate pattern of coatings onto a material with alignment between at least two of successive coatings along at least one defined edge of the pattern as well as at at least one area of the successive coatings not immediately adjacent said edge, the method comprising the steps of:

a) providing a base having at least three surfaces, said base forming a support substrate for said material;

b) modifying said base to provide a desired pattern of edges;

c) applying a first coating having a first coating portion whose shape is modifiable by energy applied during said method of forming to at least one of a first surface of said base; and

d) applying at least a second coating over at least a portion of said first coating so as to define a laminate pattern of coatings with perimeter coating alignment along at least one defined edge, wherein said alignment is achieved without mechanical alteration to either of said base, said first coating, and said second coating;

wherein said first coating portion is modified after step (d) is carried out, during said forming a laminate pattern of coatings.

29. (previously amended) The method of claim 28, wherein said base comprises at least one material selected from a group consisting of paper, metal, glass, and plastic.

30. (previously amended) The method of claim 28, wherein at least one of said first coating and said second coating has at least one characteristic selected from a group consisting of (i) said coating is substantially opaque, (ii) said coating comprises ink, (iii) said coating forms indicia, and said coating is light transmissive.

31. (previously amended) The method of claim 28, including a step of applying at least one metal coating over at least a portion of said base.

32. (previously amend d) A method of forming a pattern of coatings onto a panel, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a base that forms a support substrate for said panel;
- b) modifying said base to form an edge to define a perimeter for coatings to be applied subsequently;
- c) after forming said edge, applying a first coating to at least a part of said base so as to be in proximity to said edge; and
- d) applying at least one additional coating over at least a portion of said first coating so as to be in proximity to said edge;

wherein alignment exists between said first coating and said additional coating at said edge without having mechanically altered either applied said coating.

33. (previously amended) The method of claim 32, wherein at least one said coating has a characteristic selected from a group consisting of (i) the coating is substantially opaque, (ii) the coating comprises ink, (iii) the coating comprises printed ink, (iv) the coating comprises machine-printed ink, (v) the coating comprises inkjet-printed ink, (vi) the coating comprises ceramic, and (vii) the coating comprises metal.

34. (original) The method of claim 32, further including a step of transferring said coatings to a material.

35. (previously amended) The method of claim 32, further including transferring at least one of said coatings by application of at least one material or force selected from a group consisting of (i) pressure, (ii) heat, (iii) radiation, (iv) treatment, (v) liquid, (vi) powder, (vii) stamping, (viii) deposition, (ix) sublimation, (x) electrostatic attraction, (xi) electrostatic repulsion, (xii) magnetic attraction, (xiii) magnetic repulsion, and (xiv) gravity.

36-46. (canceled).

47. (previously amended) The method of claim 28, further including:

- e) applying a light absorbing coating over at least a portion of a second surface of said base.

48-54. (canceled)

55. (currently amended) The method of claim 57, further including disposing said coating proximate a see-through surface.

56. (previously amended) The method of claim 23, wherein:
said first coating is applied to a side region of said substrate; and
at least one of step (b) and step (c) further includes applying at least one coating to at least a portion of a surface of said substrate opposite said side of said substrate to which said first coating was applied.

57. (previously amended) The method of claim 23, wherein step (d) includes forming a plurality of edges to define at least one light passage.

58. (previously amended) The method of claim 57, further including disposing said substrate proximate a see-through surface.

59. (previously amended) The method of claim 58, wherein said disposing has at least one characteristic selected from a group consisting (i) said disposing uses adhesive, (ii) said disposing uses magnetic attraction, (iii) said disposing uses static cling, (iv) said disposing uses heat, and (v) said disposing uses pressure.

60. (previously amended) A method of forming a laminate pattern of coatings onto a material wherein successive coatings are aligned along at least one defined edge as well as at areas of said successive coatings that are not immediately adjacent said edge, the method comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a base substrate having at least one base surface;
- b) modifying said base surface to define at least one edge of said base substrate;
- c) applying a first coating to said base substrate so as to use said edge of said base substrate to define at least one perimeter of said first coating;
- d) applying a second coating adjacent said first coating so as to use said edge of said substrate to define at least one perimeter of said second coating, and to use another edge of said first coating to define a second edge;

wherein successive coatings are aligned along said edge of said substrate and also at regions of said successive coatings not immediately adjacent said edge of said substrate without recourse to mechanical alteration of said coatings.

61. (original) The method of claim 60, wherein step (d) includes applying said second coating on said first coating.

62. (original) The method of claim 60, wherein step (d) includes applying said second coating in close proximity to said first coating.

63. (original) The method of claim 60, wherein step (b) is carried out after step (d).